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TO: Department Controllers, Fiscal Officers and Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: *Quarterly Allotment Reporting Repealed*
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Quarterly Allotment Reporting Repealed

SB97-150 repealed the reporting requirements of CRS 24-30-206 and Chapter 5, Section 1 of the Open/Close Instructions. Reference to the law is being removed from the State Fiscal Rules. Agencies need no longer enter data in the 1302 table and the 1302 field on the APP2 tables will be set to "N" for FY98. No further reporting is required. Questions about the bill or elimination of these requirements may be directed to your field controller. Our thanks to Tom Hancock of the State Treasurer's Office for his work on the legislation.

Internet Addresses for the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) at the federal Department of Health and Human Services publishes the December and June updates of the CFDA when they become available. The address for ASPE's internet site is <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/> and it contains a link to the currently available version of CFDA. (The full address to the December 1996 CFDA is <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/96cfda/index.htm>).

The federal General Services Administration (GSA) provides a website for searching the CFDA in a different format that may be updated sooner than the ASPE site which is more flexible. The GSA site address is <http://www.gsa.gov/fdac/queryfdac.htm>.

Agencies having federal grants and Internet access should consider the use of these sites as a way of obtaining grant information while avoiding the cost of purchasing the printed version of the CFDA. Also note that other valuable Internet addresses can be found on the State Controller's web page at http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/gss/acc/links/links.htm



Fiscal Rule Hearing Scheduled for July 16, 1997

A fiscal rule hearing will be held July 16, 1997 at 1:30 pm in the State Services Building, Room B70 to discuss proposed changes to Chapter 3 - Contracts. One change includes additional language required in contracts effective July 1, 1997 by HB97-1207, Vendor Offset (Appendix A of Chapter 3). Another is the requirement that industrial hygienist be engaged only by contract (SB97-119). Full text of the proposed rule change is available from Jody Pyott at 303/866-3281.

Fraud Reporting

Please send any comments you may have about the proposed Exhibit X - Annual Report of Fraud/Embezzlement to Dennis Wolfard by June 19, 1997. The exhibit was included in the memorandum on entrance conferences sent to controllers on May 1, 1997.

PERA Contribution Rate Change

On May 6, 1997, Governor Romer signed HB97-1082. This legislation included a change in the contribution rate for PERA. Effective July 1, 1997, the state share to PERA is reduced to 11.5% (Public Safety Officers state contribution rate was reduced to 13.1%). The law states that any payments made to employees after July 1, must have the new contribution rate. Therefore, the first payroll the new rate changes will be used for will be Schedule 071 on CPPS. (Payday July 3, 1997, pay ending June 20, 1997.) This payroll will be run on June 27, 1997. This rate change will be made in the internal CPPS parameter table and agency payroll officers need only be aware of this rate change. Agencies running their own payrolls need to make similar adjustments.

CPPS Schedule 071 will be the last bi-weekly payroll that impacts fiscal year 97. CPPS Schedule 072 will be the first payroll in fiscal year 98. This is a change from the original payroll calendar sent to agencies in October, 1996. Questions about this change may be directed to Anne Huth at 303/866-3810 or your field controller.

House Bill 97-1082, Section 19 (2)

This section of the bill concerning the Public Employee's Retirement Association reduces the annual appropriation for FY97-98 by \$1,453,366. A schedule showing the amount of the reductions by department and funding source is attached to the bill. Appropriation documents for these reductions should be completed and sent to your field controller. The spending authority indicator to use on these AP documents is "02" for use with special bills.